



Michelle Sherratt@Aiker Legal

(by email)

Date: 5th June 2026

Dear Michelle,

Please find enclosed a copy of the records for Paul O'Neill as requested.

There may be information in Paul's records relating to other people who were there with him at the time, if this is the case, we have kept their information private by removing it. We have enclosed a leaflet that explains this in more detail.

Historical records were kept in a different manner than they are today, and we acknowledge the power of the written word. It may be that Paul's records are not reflective of your experience or memories.

Paul may find it helpful to talk this through with someone and we are here if he would like to talk with us.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirsty Wilson".

Kirsty Wilson
Safeguarding & Aftercare Advisor



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About Quarriers

Quarriers is a Scottish charity providing practical support and care for children, adults and families at any stage in their lives.

We challenge inequality of opportunity and choice to bring about positive change in people's lives.

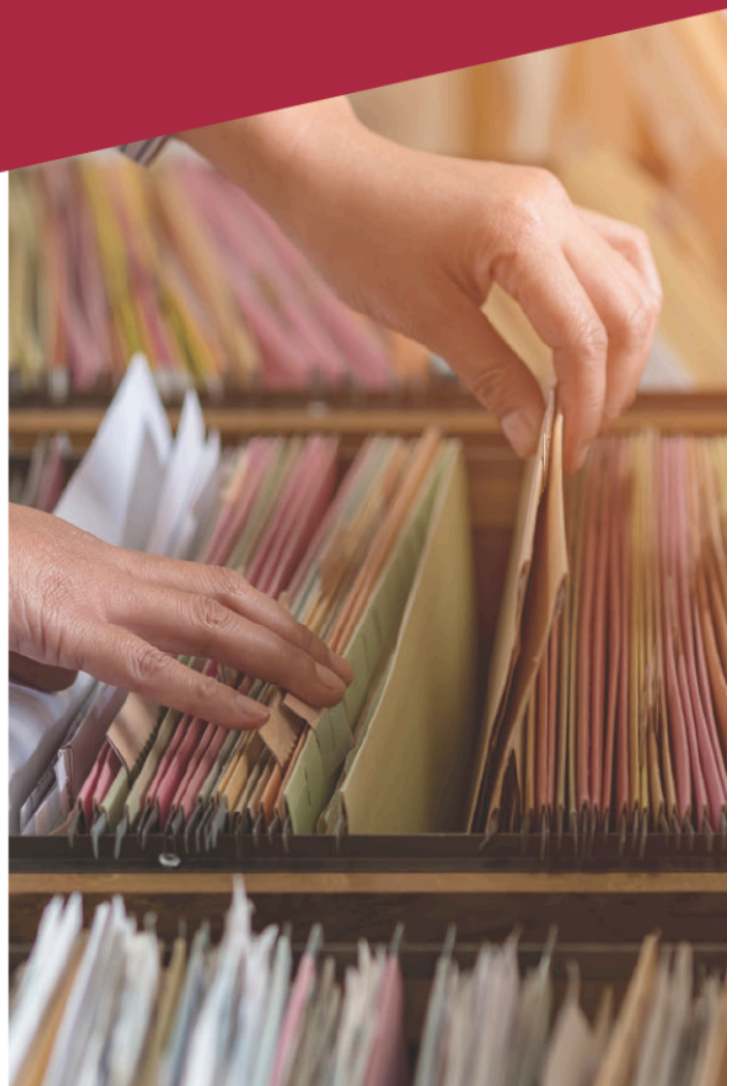
Your records

Get in touch

The Safeguarding and Aftercare Team
Quarriers, Quarriers Village
Bridge of Weir
PA11 3SX

Email: safeguarding@quarriers.org.uk

www.quarriers.org.uk



Your records

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the records you have requested.

In giving you these records, we would like to draw to your attention to the following.

Data protection

Under the terms of The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Quarriers has a legal responsibility to make sure we manage information sensitively and securely.

As standard practice we will always ask for identification to make sure any sensitive information about you is not viewed by anyone else.

If you have any concerns, please see the privacy notice on our website, www.quarriers.org.uk

Redaction

If you find that some detail has been removed (redacted) from your records, it is because it is sensitive information that belongs to someone else and we cannot legally share it with you.

Disclosures

What you tell us about the experience you or your family had at Quarriers is important to us and will be treated in confidence.

The only time your information will be shared is when it is necessary or appropriate to protect the welfare of any person (for example, child protection or safeguarding vulnerable adults).

We will always tell you what we are going to do.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this further, please contact us on the details overleaf.



The fullest information must be given
on this form before it is returned to
The Director of Child Care,
Quarrier's Homes,
Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

122/77 D/c.

QUARRIER'S HOMES

FOUNDED BY WILLIAM QUARRIER

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

A. INFORMATION REGARDING CHILD

Child's Registered Name in full PAUL O'NEIL Boy/Girl* ✓
(Birth Certificate Required)
Date of Birth 31.12.65 Whether Legitimate? ILLEGITIMATE
Place of Birth (in full) STENEY, LONDON
Religious Denomination R.C. BUT BROUGHT UP AS PROTESTANT
Whether Baptised When Where
Name of School (if any) PATHEMATION ST Class
With whom is the child at present residing? Mrs. HELEN SHANKS
Relationship MOTHER Address 6 MAXWELL PLACE, GLASGOW

B. INFORMATION REGARDING PARENTS:

	Father/Step-Father*	Mother/Step-Mother*
Name	<u>EDWARD O'NEIL</u>	<u>HELEN SHANKS</u>
Nationality	<u>BRITISH</u>	<u>BRITISH</u>
Age		<u>37</u>
If Living state:		
Address	<u>NOT KNOWN</u>	<u>6 MAXWELL PLACE</u> <u>GLASGOW, G41</u>
Occupation		<u>HOUSEWIFE</u>
Name and Address of Employer		
Religious Denomination		
If Dead state:		
Date and Place of Death		
Cause of and Age at Death		

C. CHILD'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

Name	Sex	Address	Date of Birth
<u>AGNES O'NEIL</u>	<u>F</u>		
<u>ALEXANDER O'NEIL</u>	<u>M</u>		

D. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRANDPARENTS, UNCLES AND AUNTS or other interested persons:

Name

Address

Relationship

E.

Date of Reception into Care 14.11.77

Names of any Homes/Hostels/Residential Schools/Foster Homes with dates in which previously resided:

10.10.77 - 4.11.77 NAZARETH HOUSE GLASGOW

4.11.77 - 7.11.77 AULDHOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME, GLASGOW

7.11.77 - 14.11.77 CARUTGROVE, GLASGOW

Social Work Act Section

Section 15

Reason for Admission

MOTHER'S INABILITY TO COPE

Appearances at Children's Hearings and/or Sheriff Court with dates:

F.

Local Authority Responsible for Maintenance:

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Name of Social Worker Responsible for Case:

Imean Macintyre

Address

21 Shawbridge Arcade
Glasgow, G43

Telephone No.

632-6293

G. MEDICAL REPORT (To be filled in by Applicant's Doctor)

1.—Name of Child Paul O'Neil Age 12 years

2.—How long have you known the child? 6 years

3.—Is there any history of: (a) serious illness? no

(b) accidents or repeated injuries? no

(c) operation? no

4.—Is he suffering from any skin disease or infestation? no

5.—Is he subject to fits? no or had infantile convulsions? no

6.—Is there any evidence of lung disease? no

7.—Or of heart disease? no

8.—Is there any evidence or history of nocturnal or diurnal incontinence of urine or faeces? NO

9.—Has he perfect use of the limbs? Yes

10.—What is the condition of the eyesight? Good

And of the hearing? Good Is there any discharge from the ears? NO

11.—Has he been successfully vaccinated against Smallpox? Yes Date

12.—Has he been inoculated against (1) Diphtheria? Yes Date

(2) Poliomyelitis? Yes Date Infancy

(3) Given B.C.G.? Yes Date

13.—Has he had Measles? ? Date Whooping Cough? NO Date

Rheumatic Fever? NO Date Recent Diarrhoea? NO Date

Scarlet Fever? NO Date Diphtheria? NO Date

Dysentery? NO Date Chickenpox? ? Date

Mumps? NO Date

14.—Is there any evidence of Mental Defect? (If 'yes'—I.Q. if available) NO

15.—Is there any obvious peculiarity, mental or physical? NO

16.—Is he sociable or solitary? Sociable

17.—Has he shown any delinquent tendencies? Yes

18.—Has the Child attended a Child Guidance Clinic? Uncertain

19.—What is your opinion of the general health of the Child at present? Good

20.—If an infant, was he full term? ? Yes Was delivery spontaneous? ? Yes

Birth weight? Unknown What type of milk has he been given? —

Signature Alan Berkeley

Date 16/12/77 Qualification MBChB

Address 45 Pine Place Glasgow G.5

H. PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

I hereby give my consent to PAUL O'NEIL being given such protection against disease by vaccination, immunisation or inoculations recommended by the doctor attached to the Home (or Hostel) and to any treatment recommended by him, including dental treatment, administration of anaesthetic and emergency operation advised after admission to hospital.

Helen Shanks Signature of Parent/Guardian.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Admitted from On

Posted to HOME No.

Discharged to

Date of Discharge

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS:

Received	Date	Returned to	Date
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THE O'NEILL CHILDREN

(Agnos Paul 11, Alex.

I took over this case on 29th September, the family having been known to South East District since 4th February 1974.

They are housed in a Christian Action property, having previously left a District Council house in Blackhill. At present, Mrs. Shanks, who is under threat of eviction, as this is the second occasion on which Christian Action have considered it necessary to take this action, they state that they will definitely carry out the order this time. The only concession which they will make is to consider attempting to re-house Mrs. Shanks elsewhere if the Social Work Department are unable to find alternative accommodation.

Mrs. Shanks'

She then formed a relationship with Mr. O'Neill who is the father of all three children.

Her involvement with the Social Work Department indicated a recurring pattern of and inability to exercise control over her children. However, it should be mentioned that the Headmaster of the Primary School which Paul attends stated that until approximately a year and a half ago, the behaviour of the children was quite satisfactory, but around that time Mrs. Shanks and the behaviour of the children rapidly deteriorated.

and control of the children, who were totally out-with her control. At that time none of the children were attending school; having refused to attend and contact with the schools confirmed that the children were extremely disruptive and unamenable to discipline.

In the meantime, it was suggested to Mrs. Shanks that she might benefit from a break from the children and with her consent the children were admitted to care,

and the two boys to Nazareth House on 10th October where they have been up to the present. Their attitude has consistently been one of resentment of the discipline exercised in the Home and their behaviour has reflected this as they left of their own accord on 25th October and returned home. They were returned to Nazareth House without a great deal of difficulty, however, but this may be attributed to the fact that they were severely chastised on their return home by Mrs. Shanks' brother who is a frequent visitor to the house. An added difficulty has been that the children have been told that they have been placed in Nazareth House until such times as their mother's health improves.

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The children's problems appear to stem from Mrs. Shanks' inadequacy which would seem to stem from her inability to form a lasting relationship with any man. There are various unconfirmed reports of haphazard relationships with men which originate in the public house and this reflects in the children's attitude and behaviour which is extremely worldly-wise and adult beyond their years. They clearly lack a stable male figure and have been able to manipulate Mrs. Shanks to suit their own ends as her state of mind makes her incapable of matching their wills and she invariably resorts to shouting at them which has no effect. They have been removed from Nazareth House at the request of the sisters who have reached the end of their tether as far as the behaviour of the two boys is concerned, as it is having a serious effect on the other children, an example being that two children ran away from the Home because of attacks by Paul and

My impression of the children is that their home circumstances virtually since birth have been unstable resulting in a lack of response to discipline,

In addition, there are several families in the immediate area which have serious social problems resulting in undisciplined children whose example the O'Neill children have followed and vice versa. The quality of care which they have had throughout their lives is a matter for conjecture but Mrs. Shanks clearly has genuine affection for the children and this is reciprocated.

As regards their personalities,

Paul is, in my experience, the least demonstrative of the two boys in the physical sense, but would seem to harbour deep feelings about his situation which he has released by writing frequent letters to his mother and other people known to him. X

Paul has refused to attend the school at Nazareth House and while his Headmaster at Outhbertson Street Primary has indicated his willingness to take him, he understandably feels that exposing Paul to his former friends at the school would be detrimental to Paul and vice versa. In addition, the route which he would have followed would have tempted him to return home. It was therefore decided to leave the situation meantime.

The aim of the placement would be to stabilise the children while Mrs. Shanks

D. MacIntyre,
Social Worker.
7th November, 1977.

South West 3 Area Team,
21 Shawbridge Arcade,
Pollokshaws,
Glasgow.

9.11.77 Paul and Alex. are now in Leithgow for assessment and Agnes is in a hostel run by the Sisters of Charity. She has settled very well as she did in Marthara apparently as most of the girls are older than herself and she prefers their company to that of younger children. Mrs. Shanks attended Levensdale yesterday but was still unable to be admitted. D MacIntyre

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RAB/JCM

29th December, 1977.

Mr. Duncan MacIntyre,
Social Work Department,
21 Shawbridge Arcade,
Glasgow G.43.

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding the enclosed papers to you for completion as our Agency were not involved in the original reception into care. The information requested would be best provided by yourselves.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Murphy,
Social Worker.

Encl:

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CITATION OF WITNESSTo PAUL O'NEILL, Schoolboyc/o Quarriers' Home, BRIDGE OF WEIR

YOU are hereby cited to appear personally on

18 January 19 78 at 10.30 amin the Sheriff Court House St James Street, Paisleyto give evidence for the PROSECUTION in the case against JOSEPH

and to produce

NOTE: This witness must be accompanied by an ADULT


Officer of Law.

Witnesses failing to attend the Court without lawful excuse are liable to be apprehended and punished.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

DATE	Age	Ht. (ins.)	Wt. (lbs.)	POSITIVE ABNORMAL FINDINGS ON SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION	If Enuresis Progress
15/11/77					
ADMISSION EXAMINATION	11	5'4 P50	64½ P50	(L) 6/16 (R) 6/36. ? slight squint (R) eye. Dry cough 52. Chest ✓ Dry skin on face. For. Ampicillin 125mg 5id 19% HEC cream (155) Dr. w/t. Dentist.	100mls to face
15/11/77	General Condition				
	Fair.				
1st Review					
2nd Review					
3rd Review					
4th Review					
DISCHARGE EXAMINATION	12	5'4½	67	Glasses prescribed and lost. Appt eye hosp Mon → S.W. Physical - M.A.D today. Teeth filled.	
21.4.78					

QUARRIERS HOMES — MEDICAL RECORD CARD

NAME PAUL O'NEIL		D.O.B. 31.12.65		COTTAGE 12	
PREVIOUS MEDICAL HISTORY (incl. Infant Diseases)		D.O.A. 14.11.77			
MOTHER	FATHER	IMMUNISATION RECORD			
SIBLINGS		1	2	3	Booster
RELEVANT FAMILY HISTORY	Triple Antigen				16/12/77
	Polio				16/12/77
	Tetanus Toxoid (Alone)				
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OR MAJOR ILLNESS DURING ADMISSION					
1	Smallpox	Primary		Revacc.	
2	B.C.G.				
3				11	
4					

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GARTNAVEL GENERAL HOSPITAL

ADMISSION No.

OPHTHALMIC UNIT

Telephone

PATIENT Paul O'Neil

AGE 31.12.65 HOSP. No. 152726

ADDRESS 7 Ballantay Terr, Glasgow

ADMITTED 27.8.78

DISCHARGED 30.8.78

DIAGNOSIS

OPERATION

CASE SUMMARY

FA/KS

5th September 1978

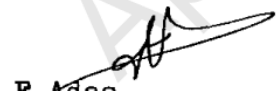
Dr Stein
Quarriers Homes
Bridge of Weir

Dear Dr Stein

This patient was admitted for right eye convergent squint. A recession, resection operation was performed on the 29th August and he was discharged home two days later.

He is on Oc. Neomycin twice daily to the right eye.

Yours sincerely


F. Adas
Registrar in Ophthalmology



*Phoned Gartnavel
to say boy has been
discharged*

GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD - WESTERN DISTRICT
PLEASE REPLY TO

Out Patient Department:

GLASGOW EYE INFIRMARY,
3 SANDYFORD PLACE,
GLASGOW G3 7NB
Tel. 041-221 7464

GARTNAVEL GENERAL HOSPITAL,
1053 Gt. WESTERN ROAD,
GLASGOW G12 0YN
Tel. 041-334 8122

YOUR REF:

OUR REF: MS/EMCF 152726

15th June, 1978.

Dr. Stene,
Quarriers' Homes,
Bridge of Weir.

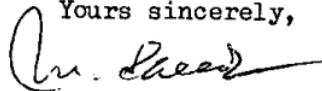
Dear Dr. Stene,

Paul O'Neil (DoB 31.12.65.) 7 Ballantay Terrace, Castlemilk, Glasgow.

This boy was seen in Dr. McEwen's Clinic in April, 1978 and in our Orthoptic Department on 22nd February this year, was found to have a right convergent squint with 1/60 vision in that eye. The squint is of quite a marked degree and it has been decided to operate to make the eye straight. His name has been put on the waiting list and he will be admitted to Gartnavel General Hospital shortly.

It was explained to the patient that operation is meant only to make the eye straight; it will not improve the eyesight in the right eye most likely, as that eye is amblyopic.

Yours sincerely,



M. Saeed,
Registrar.

Discharged
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